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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No. 08/270,412) Group Art Unit: 1804
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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.129

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated June 11, 1996 (Paper No. 23). A petition for a three month extension of time and the required fee are filed herewith. In addition, the originally filed application in the 35 U.S.C. §120 lineage of the present application was filed and pending more than 2 years prior to June 7, 1995. Therefore, the "after final" provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.129 are applicable. Accordingly, the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.129 and §1.17(r) is also enclosed, to automatically withdraw the finality of the Office Action.

At the outset, applicants thank the Examiner for the interview that was given for this application. The present amendment incorporates some the features into the claims that were discussed in that interview.

Please amend the application in the following respects:

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